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USAID's Administrator to visit Bolivia

The Administrator of the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), Andrew Natsios, will arrive in Bolivia on Tuesday 10 to reaffirm the continuing support of the Government of the United States for the Government of Bolivia, the alternative development program and the Bolivian people.

Natsios, who will be accompanied by Adolfo Franco, USAID's Assistant Administrator for Latin America and the Caribbean, will present USAID's new approach to respond to the needs and demands of the Bolivian population. Under the new approach, USAID will continue to support the initiatives of communities, grass-roots organizations, and municipal governments to undertake participatory economic growth programs. The strengthening of democratic institutions is another area supported by USAID.

Besides the regular cooperation, estimated at US\$ 100 million for this year, USAID will expand its approach to benefit more indigenous and low-income populations. This initiative will directly support Pro País, a new poverty alleviation program of the administration of President Mesa.

USAID's officials will meet with President Mesa, government authorities, and representatives of other social sectors, such as private entrepreneurs, indigenous leaders, small entrepreneurs, and peasants participating in alternative development programs.